

REPORT


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TO: Administration Committee
and Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Amendment of the Fulbright & Jaworski Contract

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize amendment of the Fulbright & Jaworski contract for legal services to increase the maximum amount payable by \$100,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Council previously retained the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski and in particular authorized Colin Lennard to serve as the General Counsel for SCAG. Under the terms of the contract, the maximum amount payable is \$200,000 and attorney services are billed at the rate of \$255.00 per hour.

Due to unanticipated costs, including those associated with on-going issues arising out of audits, it is necessary to amend the contract to increase the maximum amount payable by \$100,000. All other terms and conditions of the agreement would remain the same and the Legal Services Subcommittee will continue to review the invoices.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These funds have been allocated in the FY 2005-2006 Budget for Legal Services and will be allocated as appropriate between the General Fund and Indirects.